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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002, using clean copies of the Claims, Applicants amend as follows:

In the Claims (Clean Copies)

Kindly add the following Claims 96 and 97:

(New) A gene encoding the polypeptide of claim 95. 96.

(New) The gene of claim 96 which is represented by SEQ. ID No. 26 of the Sequence 97. Listing, or a gene hybridizable thereto, under stringent conditions and encoding a polypeptide which improves the efficiency of gene transfer into target cells with a retrovirus.